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February ALVARADO—CALAVERAS RESERVOIR Field Trip

Sunday, February 12th, a clear spring-like day with light west wind, brought out about 50 members and guests. Dr. T. Eric Reynolds, the leader, planned a full day; the Alvarado salt marshes, the Sunol area where sycamores, oaks, small streams and underbrush abound, lastly eight miles to the reservoir, nestled in rolling hills, with rock outcroppings and old oaks. The high-lights were a golden eagle, rock wren, wood ducks, Lewis woodpeckers and yellow-billed magpies. 79 species were identified.

Grebe, eared
pied-billed
Cormorant, Farallon
Heron, great blue
Egret, American
snowy
Heron, black-cr. night
Bittern, American
Goose, Canada
Mallard
Pintail
Shoveller
Wood duck
Scaup, Greater
Lesser
Golden-eye, American
Buffle-head
Ruddy
Merganser, Am.
red-breasted
Turkey vulture
Hawk, sharp-sh.
Cooper
red-tailed
Golden eagle
Hawk, marsh
sparrow
Coot
Killdeer
Plover, bk-bellied
Curlew, long-billed
Willet
Yellow-legs, greater
Sandpiper, red-bk.
western
Avocet
Gull, glaucous-wg.
California
ring-billed
Mourning dove
Owl, burrowing
Flicker, red-sh.
Woodpecker, California
Lewis
Nuttall
Phoebe, black
Say
Horned lark
Jay, scrub (California)
Magpie, yellow-bl.
Crow
Chickadee, Ch-bk.
Titmouse
Bush-tit
Nut-hatch, white-br.
Wren, rock
Mockingbird
Thrush, hermit
Bluebird, western
Pipit, American
Shrike, California
Warbler, Audubon
Sparrow, English
Meadowlark
Blackbird, red-wing
Brewer
Finch, Cal. purple
house
Goldfinch, Arkansas
Towhee, spotted
brown
Sparrow, Savannah
lark
rufous-cr.
Junco, Oregon
Sparrow, chipping
white-cr.
golden-cr.
song

—C. L. Carson, *Historian*

January TOMALES POINT—POINT REYES Field Trip

Our January 15 field trip must have been under some special protection from Jupiter Pluvius as we squeezed it in between two heavy rain storms. But perhaps the storms were responsible for some of the less common birds we saw, such as the Fulmar.

The group divided, some forty hiking the short distance to Tomales Point and others driving up the east side of Tomales Bay.

Tomales Point is unique in that apparently nowhere else so close to our Bay Region are found Harlequin Ducks, and Black Oystercatchers.

The following interesting mammals were seen. The Black-tailed Deer is extremely common. Some 30 being seen. Three Harbor or Leopard Seals peered at us, Stella Sea Lions loafed about. A Whale spouted and partly emerged several times while the party lunched. Jack-rabbits were continually darting away before us.

Later some drove out to Point Reyes where flights of California Murres were continually passing offshore.

Thanks are due Seth Bailey who secured the necessary permission from the property owners, but was unable to lead the trip.

Approximately 53 members and guests were present. The following 97 species were seen:

Common Loon
Red-throated Loon
Holboell Grebe
Horned Grebe
Eared Grebe
Western Grebe
Pied-billed Grebe
Pacific Fulmar
White Pelican
California Brown Pelican
Double-cr. Cormorant
Brandt Cormorant
Bairds Cormorant
Great Blue Heron
American Egret
Black Brant
Baldpate
Pintail
Shoveller
Redhead
Canvas-back
Lesser Scaup
American Golden-eye
Buffle-head
Old-squaw
Harlequin
White-winged Scoter
Surf Scoter
Ruddy Duck
Red-breasted Merganser
Turkey Vulture
Sharp-shinned Hawk
Red-tailed Hawk
Marsh Hawk
Sparrow Hawk
California Quail
Coot
Black Oyster-catcher
Killdeer
Black-bellied Plover
Surf-bird
Black Turnstone
Long-billed Curlew
Spotted Sandpiper
Willet
Greater Yellow-legs
Least Sandpiper
Red-backed Sandpiper
Sanderling
Glaucous-winged Gull
Western Gull
Herring Gull
California Gull
Ring-billed Gull
Heerman Gull
Bonaparte Gull
California Murre
Pigeon Guillemot
Mourning Dove
Horned Owl
White-throated Swift
Belted Kingfisher
Red-shafted Flicker
California Woodpecker
Hairy Woodpecker
Black Phoebe
Say Phoebe
Steller Jay
Scrub Jay (California)
American Raven
Crow
Bush-Tit
Wren-Tit
Bewick Wren
Robin
Varied Thrush
Hermit Thrush
Western Bluebird
Ruby-crowned Kinglet
American Pipit
California Shrike
Audubon Warbler
Yellow-throat
House Sparrow
Western Meadowlark
Red-winged Blackbird
Brewer Blackbird
House Finch
Pine Siskin
Spotted Towhee
Brown Towhee
Savannah Sparrow
Oregon Junco
White-crowned Sparrow
Golden-crowned Sparrow
Fox Sparrow
Song Sparrow

— Harry C. Adamson, *Leader and Historian*

REPORT OF 1949 FIELD TRIPS COMMITTEE

Month	Location	Attendance	Species
	Regular Sunday Trips		
January	University Campus and East Bayshore, Berkeley	61	65
February	Tomales Bay, Marin Co.	60	99
March	Joyce Island, Solano Co.	53	72
April	McCoy Ranch and Arroyo Mocho, Livermore	40	55
May	St. Mary's College	50	68
June	Phoenix Lake, Ross, Marin Co.	18	35
July	Lands End, San Francisco	23	30
August	Tennessee Cove, Marin Co.	34	57
September	Bay Farm Island, Alameda	80	43
October	Stinson Beach, Olema Marsh, Marin Co.	30	90
November	Rodeo Lagoon, Marin Co.	40	62
December	Lake Merritt	30	52
	Average	43	61
	Special Saturday Trips		
February	Golden Gate Park, San Francisco	14	32
March	Tilden Park, Bear Creek Road, Berkeley	14	37
April	Bay Farm Island, Alameda	20	38
May	Golden Gate Park, San Francisco	16	26
June	Dimond Park, Oakland	12	27
July	University Campus, Berkeley	19	25
August	Fleishhacker Playground, Lake Merced, S.F.	10	29
September	Mills College and Leona Canyon, Oakland	7	11
October	Presidio Area, San Francisco	19	36
November	Orinda Lake, San Pablo Reservoir, St. Mary's	27	54
	Average	16	32
	Week-end Trip		
December	Willows and Gridley Refuges	46	84
	Grand Average	31	49
	Total species for year		203

A. Laurece Curl, *Chairman, Fields Trips Committee*

OBSERVATIONS

Edited by Junea W. Kelly

Slate colored junco, Jan. 19 and 21, Berkeley, Mrs. Alison Berry.

60 Sandhill cranes, Jan. 22, Isleton-Lodi road, Howard Cogswell.

Immature Kittiwake, Feb. 5, Stinson Beach, Harry Adamson.

25 Mountain bluebirds, Feb. 8, Livermore; 1 Cinnamon teal, Feb. 18, the Pool, Bay Farm Island; 12 surf-birds, 24 bk. turnstones, Cliff House; 3 Allen hummingbirds, 2 ring-nk. ducks, 1 male wood duck, 2 Florida gallinules, Feb. 14, Chain of Lakes; 4 hooded mergansers, Orinda Lake; 2 Am. mergansers, 700 Canada geese, Feb. 15, San Pablo Dam. Junea W. Kelly.

THE CRISLER PICTURE. We are fortunate in being included in this pre-sale of tickets for the unsurpassed lecture-film by the Crislers. Many missed the last showing because of limited seating. The enclosed folder explains the part played by the Crislers, in the cause of Conservation. Enlist your friends' interest and satisfaction thru this supurb picture.

— Mrs. T. Eric Reynolds

NEW MEMBERS: from San Francisco, Mr. R. H. Menzies, Mr. & Mrs. Carlyle Sather; from Oakland, Dr. Ergo A. Majors;; from Piedmont, Mrs. Wm. Cavalier; from Berkeley, Dr. Ralph W. Chaney, Mr. Andrews S. Gibb, Mrs. Mabelle S. Hill, Mrs. W. B. Ireland, Mr. Vaughn MacCaughey, Mrs. Inez D. Troxell; from San Anselmo, Mrs. Paul S. Foster; from Pasadena, Mrs. James R. Brehm; from Treasure Island, Capt. Richard M. Scruggs.

MARCH FIELD TRIP

Sunday, March 12, to Moss Landing on Monterey Bay, a new trip to an outstanding area for shore and water birds. Meet at the Elkhorn Slough bridge in Moss Landing at 10:30 a.m. From Oakland via San Jose, Gilroy & Castroville about 100 miles. Those offering or needing rides call the leader, Larry Curl, AS. 3-10165. Bring lunch, binoculars, telescopes, and friends.

SPECIAL MARCH FIELD TRIP

Saturday, March 25, to Nature Area in Tilden Regional Park. Meet at Spruce St., Reservoir, Berkeley at 9:00 a.m. Take 8:07 a.m. "F" train, transfer to bus 67 at University Ave. We will bird in Jewel Lake Area; visit Nature Camp museum, and meet Jack Parker, resident Naturalist. Bring lunch, binoculars, telescope and interested friends.

— A. Laurence Curl,
Chairman, Fields Trips.
Chairman, Field Trips Committee.

MARCH MEETING

The 390th meeting of the Golden Gate Audubon Society will be held on March 9th at the Oakland Public Museum, Lake Merritt, Oak and 14th Streets, at 7:30 p.m.

Dr. Robert Miller, Director of the California Academy of Sciences, in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, will speak on "Bird Life and Conservation Problems in New Zealand."

His talk will be illustrated with kodachrome slides taken on a recent trip. This promises to be an excellent lecture, so come and bring a guest.

In addition we are fortunate to have Mr. John H. Baker, president of the National Audubon Society, our guest. He who will tell us of the activities of the National. No-host dinner at Zerkote's, Lake Merritt at 6 p. m. Make reservations with Mrs. Myer, 25 El Camino Real, Berkeley, at once by post card. Dinner, $1.50.

— Harry C. Adamson,
Program Chairman.

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